

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0022] Fig. 1 shows a pressure-pulse-wave detecting probe constructed according to a first embodiment of the invention. The ~~probe 1~~probe 10 includes a handle portion 12 which is provided by a generally rectangular parallelepiped body, and a sensor portion 14 which is integrally fixed to a lower surface of the handle portion 12, namely, to one of longitudinally opposite end surfaces of the handle portion 12.